

БЪЛГАРСКИ ПРОФЕСИОНАЛЕН БОКСОВ СЪЮЗ BULGARIAN PROFESSIONAL BOXING UNION

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To whom it may concern,

Dear Sirs,

We would like to inform you that on September 21, 2019 in Shkoder, Albania a tragic incident happened during a professional boxing event. A Bulgarian boxer licensed by the Bulgarian Professional Boxing Union collapsed and passed away in the ring. He was registered with the name Isus Velichkov in November 2018 after his manager Ventsislav Georgiev (Veni Sport) sent us an ID card and medical examinations of Isus Velichkov. During the registration we were focused mainly on the ID card data like ID number, date of birth, date of validity. We have never suspected anything wrong because in Bulgaria it is illegal to use someone else's personal documents and it is punishable by law. At every boxing event the above mentioned boxer carried with him an ID card with the name Isus Velichkov. We have received information about the boxer's false identity after his death. Albanian police found Isus Velichkov's ID in his wallet, but later the family of the boxer contacted the media and confirmed that it was Boris Stanchov. We still do not know the logic behind it but we express our deepest condolences to the loved ones and the family of the athlete. We expect to receive results from the judicial autopsy in the Republic of Albania so that we will be able to give an appropriate opinion on the causes of the boxer's death. Currently we are fully cooperating with all the investigating parties and we are also launching our own investigation as obviously in addition to breaking the law there is a violation of international boxing rules that not only undermines our authority as an organization but also threatens the health and the safety of the boxers, which is unacceptable!

For now one thing is clear – the manager Ventsislav Georgiev was sending us documents of Isus Velichkov for all the six boxing bouts that were submitted to BoxRec and at the same time it was Boris Stanchov who had boxed with someone else's identity. We are afraid that all medical examinations are also fake, currently they are being checked by the police. So far we have information that Isus Velichkov is a cousin of Boris Stanchov and provided him with his ID card.

We will keep you informed accordingly for any further information.

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